



# Community Connection

*Village of Canal Winchester, Spring 2008*

## New Ordinance for Peddlers and Solicitors

At its April 7 meeting, Village Council passed an ordinance adopting new regulations for individuals, organizations and companies who desire to peddle or solicit within the village. Previously the village's peddler and solicitor regulations did not provide the village authority to thoroughly check such door-to-door solicitors in the village. Now the village is able to conduct background checks to make sure companies are reputable and that individuals don't have disqualifying marks on their record, such as being a convicted sexual offender.

Simply defined, someone who is peddling or soliciting is someone who is attempting to sell you something or solicit a donation. While this ordinance places restrictions on peddling and soliciting, the village is not able to control canvassing, which is considered a First Amendment right. Examples of canvassing include trying to get signatures for a grassroots campaign or delivering ad bags.

Residents who do not want peddlers or solicitors to approach their door may display a sign or decal containing these exact words: "No Peddlers or Solicitors Invited." As defined in the

ordinance, if this sign is displayed, "no person may go upon the premises, ring the doorbell, knock on the door, or create any other sound in any other manner for the purpose of attracting the attention of the occupants and securing an audience." It should be noted that by displaying this sign everyone, including groups such as the Girl Scouts selling cookies, is legally prohibited from peddling or soliciting on your property. If you do want to allow certain groups to peddle or solicit your residence or business, you may remove your sign while they are operating. However, any peddler or solicitor may enter your property if the sign has been removed.

Adopted as Ordinance 23-08, violations of this ordinance are fourth degree misdemeanors. All charitable organizations are required to wear identification and all for-profit solicitors and peddlers are required to obtain and clearly display a village-issued license. If you believe someone is in violation of this ordinance, you may contact the village's Sheriff's office to have it enforced.

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## Hello... From the Mayor



I can't believe it's already May. Time feels like it has flown by since I took office in January. Every day seems to bring a new adventure, whether it's attending an important meeting, learning about a project or meeting with a group of residents.

One recent "adventure" that sticks out in my mind is the biggest snow storm in Ohio's recorded history, which covered our town in a thick blanket of snow. I was very impressed with how our Street Department worked diligently for hours on end to clear village streets for our residents. Many residents also went above and beyond, literally helping to dig their neighbors out of the snow.

The snow is now long gone and summer is just around the corner. The nicer weather generally signals the beginning of the construction season and this year is no exception. Construction is in full swing on Columbus Street and the project is actually ahead of schedule. If weather continues to cooperate, this project will be complete by its October deadline and the road closure between High and Washington will reopen prior to Labor Day. When complete, I think the reconstruction of this street will be something that makes both the village and residents proud.

In addition to Columbus Street, there are several other street projects planned for this year through the 2008 Street Capital Improvement Program. Areas slated for improvement include the Washington Knolls subdivision, portions of Ashbrook Village, portions of the Villages at Westchester, East Oak Street between High and Trine streets and the Winchester Trace subdivision.

Beyond construction, the summer months also bring many outdoor activities. The Music & Art in the Park concert series will kick-off on May 16, the pool officially opens on May 27 and the annual Labor Day festival will be here before we know it. As more people venture outdoors, the potential for accidents increase. As you drive, please be cautious of children playing near roads and make sure to yield to pedestrians crossing the street.

Finally, I'd like to officially introduce the first edition of Community Connection. You'll find information on village services, details on community events, updates from me, and much more on the pages of this quarterly publication. The newsletter will be mailed to the homes of village residents and will also available online at

[www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael Ebert, Mayor

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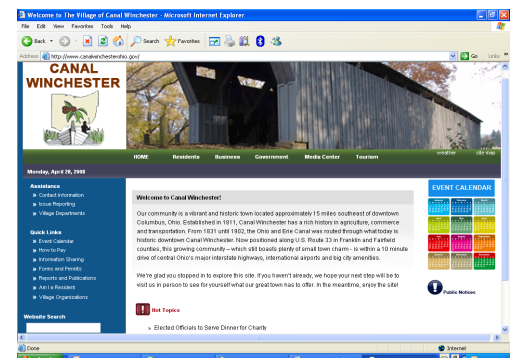
## Village Revamps its Web Site

Introducing the village's newly redesigned Web site, [www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov).

The new site has a cleaner look, offers more information and is easier to navigate. New features of the site

include local weather conditions and an advanced search engine function.

If you haven't already, make sure to check it out. The village encourages residents and visitors to explore the site and let us know what they think.



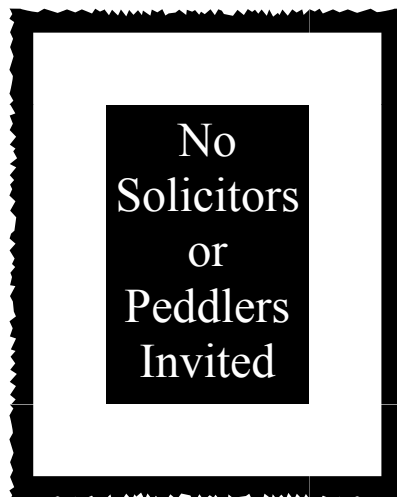
## Peddlers (continued from page 1)

### What this ordinance means for peddlers and solicitors:

- All organizations, companies and individual who plan to solicit or canvass the village must register with the village.
- Registration is required for charitable organizations and licensing is required for all for-profit organizations, companies and individuals with the exception of religious organizations or those peddling or soliciting for newspapers with distribution in Canal Winchester.
- Applications for a Peddlers & Solicitors' license and charitable organization registration must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance.
- For-profit peddlers and solicitors must provide detailed information about their company, a completed background check by a law enforcement agency and a photograph of each solicitor. These groups will also be required to pay a fee.
- Charitable organizations must provide proof of their non-profit status and a detailed list of the individuals who will be going door to door.
- Every registered or licensed solicitor must clearly display their license or registration certificate issued by the village when soliciting in the village.
- Violations of this ordinance are fourth degree misdemeanors. Each day activities that violate this ordinance are conducted will constitute a separate offense.

### What this ordinance means for village residents and businesses:

- Peddlers and solicitors may only come to your home or business between 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. or sunset, whichever is earlier.
- Peddlers and solicitors may not operate on Sundays and holidays. For this purpose, holidays have been defined as January 1, the third Monday in January, the third Monday in February, the Friday before Easter, Easter, the last Monday in May, the Fourth of July, the first Monday in September, Halloween, Beggar's Night if different from Halloween, November 11, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Residents and business owners who do not wish to receive peddlers or solicitors may display a sign with "No Solicitors or Peddlers Invited."
- Residents and business owners may report violations to the Sheriff's office.



On April 30, the Village of Canal Winchester, the Street Tree Advisory Board, the Ohio Wildlife Center, the Canal Winchester Board of Education, Five Spring Farms and guests met at Indian Trail Elementary School in honor of Arbor Day to plant a tree and place an owl nest box. Radar, an Eastern Screech Owl, was also on hand to assist with the presentation.



## Some Household Items Can Damage the Sanitary Sewer

You've likely heard the saying "don't throw money down the drain," and according to the village's Water Reclamation Department, money isn't the only thing you shouldn't throw down the drain. Some common items you may dispose of through your sanitary sewer can actually cause damage to the village's system.

One such item that causes harm is grease. It is important to keep this cooking product out of the sanitary sewer system because grease that accumulates in the sewers can cause blockages that can back up sewage and flood basements. Rather than washing grease down the drain, residents should pour it into an appropriate container and dispose of it through recycling or normal garbage disposal.

Coffee grounds and eggshells are two other substances that can cause damage, and therefore, they should not be put in the sanitary sewer. Additionally, other non-biodegradable items such as plastics and disposable diapers should be disposed of in the trash rather than flushed, as they can clog pumps and sewers which ultimately could cause problems to the resident, the system and the treatment plant.





Stradley Park Place is the scenic downtown setting for the Music & Art in the Park summer concert series.



## Mark Your Calendar

### **May 15**

Village's Relay for Life Fundraising Dinner at Shade on the Canal, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### **May 16**

"Viva Las Vegas" Music & Art in the Park event, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### **May 24 & 25**

Pool Membership Pre-Sales, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **May 27**

Pool Opens

### **June 20**

"Blast From the Past" Music & Art in the Park event, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### **July 18**

"A Touch of Country" Music & Art in the Park event, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### **August 15**

"Island Rhythms on the Canal" Music & Art in the Park event, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### **August 30, 31 and September 1**

Labor Day Festival

### **December 5 and 6**

Christmas in the Village

## Music & Art in the Park

The 2008 Music & Art in the Park summer concert series will kick off on Friday, May 16 with a "Viva Las Vegas" themed event. All Music & Art in the Park events are free and will be held from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Stradley Park, just north of the village municipal building at 36 S. High Street. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating at this family-friendly event. Picnics are also welcome; however, alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Canal Winchester's community center, located at 22 S. Trine Street, will be used as a backup location in the case of inclement weather for all concerts except the June 20 event.

Anyone who is interested in displaying their car at the classic car cruise-in during the "Blast From the Past" event on June 20 should contact Carrie Hoover at 614-834-9727 or [choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov). A trophy will be awarded by popular vote for the People's Choice winner at the event. There are a limited amount of spaces available for the cruise-in, so make sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible!

During July's "A Touch of Country" event, the village is encouraging attendees to support local businesses and products. As part of this theme, area residents and businesses will have the opportunity to set up tables with pre-approved products to sell, such as produce, or items to display, such as arts and crafts. If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please contact Carrie Hoover at [choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov) or 614-834-9727.



Final details for the summer concert series are still in the works, but here's a sampling of what this year's Music & Art in the Park will offer:

### **Friday, May 16, 2008**

*"Viva Las Vegas" theme*

Michael Lovelace, Elvis Impersonator, Opening Act

Brian Michael Smith, Frank Sinatra Tribute Singer, Headliner

Free Caricatures by Caricature Artist, Sean Platt

Roaming Magician

Face Painting by Members of the Canal Winchester Art Guild

Art Displays by the Canal Winchester Art Guild

### **Friday, June 20, 2008**

*"Blast From the Past" theme*

Mike Walker, Car Show and Activities M.C.

Swing's The Thing 16 Piece Big Band Ensemble, Headliner

Classic Car Cruise-In with People's Choice Award

Hula Hoop Contest

Art Displays by the Canal Winchester Art Guild

### **Friday, July 18, 2008**

*"A Touch of Country" theme*

Line Dance Instruction (along with music from the Christy Angeletti Band), Opening Act

Christy Angeletti Band, Headliner

Displays and Items for Sale by Local Businesses and Residents

Art Displays by the Canal Winchester Art Guild

### **Friday, August 15, 2008**

*"Island Rhythms on the Canal" theme*

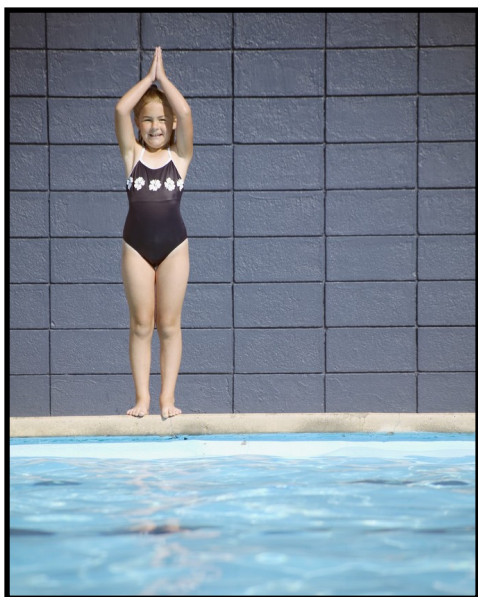
Hula Dancers, Opening Act

Island-Themed Band (TBA), Headliner

Limbo Contest

Art Displays by the Canal Winchester Art Guild

## Dive Into Summer at the Canal Winchester Pool



The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer and the school year is almost over. What does this mean for residents of the Village of Canal Winchester and the Canal Winchester School District? The swimming pool will be opening soon! Patrons at the Canal Winchester Municipal Pool will enjoy a competition pool with diving area, a zero-depth entrance recreational pool with water-spray feature, a baby pool, concession stand, picnic area, and restroom/shower facilities.

The Canal Winchester Municipal Pool season officially begins on May 27 with limited hours, and will be open full-time beginning June 7. Pool hours are as follows:

### **May 27, 2008 – June 6, 2008**

Monday – Friday, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### **June 7, 2008 – August 27, 2008**

Monday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sundays, 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Daily admission, individual memberships and family memberships are limited to residents of the Village of Canal Winchester and the Canal Winchester School District. Membership pre-sales will be held on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Memberships can also be purchased during regular pool hours. Those who wish to purchase a pool membership can aid in the process by printing and filling out an application in advance and by checking to see whether or not they're located within the corporation limits. People can also check to see if they live within the school district by looking up their address on their county auditor's Web site.

The following are the established pool rates for the 2008 season:

- **Family Membership:** \$180 for families residing within the Village of Canal Winchester. \$220 for families residing outside the village but inside school district boundaries.
- **Individual Membership:** \$100 for individuals residing within the Village of Canal Winchester. \$115 for individuals residing outside the village but inside school district boundaries.
- **Daily Admission:** \$5 per day.  
\$2 after 7 p.m.
- **Ten-Day Pass:** \$35 per person.

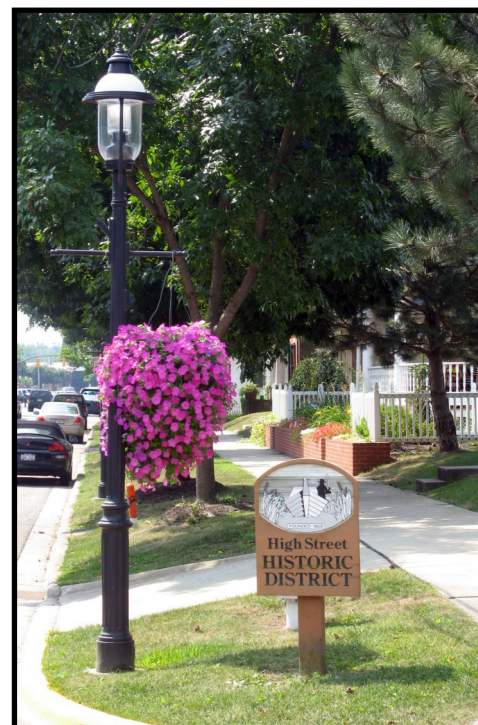
Pool staff will begin taking swim lesson registrations and pool party bookings when the pool opens on May 27. Adults may rent the pool for a private pool party on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. The rental cost is \$100. Swim lessons are scheduled to run two weeks, Monday – Friday, for each class. A complete schedule of swim lesson classes will be available at the pool and on the village's Web site by May 27, 2008.

## Backyard Conservation Tips

*From the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District*

Storm water and the pollutants carried with it are destructive to streams, properties and habitat. Backyard conservation practices can help reduce storm water runoff, promote water conservation and prevent pollutants from entering our streams. They can add diversity and improve aesthetics in our communities.

Visit [www.franklinswcd.org](http://www.franklinswcd.org) for more tips on backyard conservation.



Did you know that every year the village hangs more than 130 flower baskets around Canal Winchester? The 14 inch baskets are hung in late May and stay up until after Labor Day.

The hanging baskets can be found on Waterloo Street between Pfeifer Drive and Trine Street and on High Street between Columbus Street and the railroad. There are also additional hanging baskets in key areas as well as approximately two dozen containers that sit on the ground.



## Some Property Owners Required to Have a Backflow Prevention Device

The Ohio EPA, per Ohio Administrative Code 3745-95, requires that some commercial properties have a backflow prevention device. This device may also be required for any residential property that has an irrigation system, swimming pool, hot tub or a private well with village water. To meet these obligations, the village will begin surveying commercial properties to make sure they have the correct device for their business application as well as residential properties they suspect might need one.

In line with these requirements, the village would like all property owners who need devices installed or upgraded to have them in place by the end of next summer. The village needs the cooperation of residents and business owners to make this happen, and unfortunately, property owners are ultimately responsible for cost. The good news is that many of the proper-

ties that need this device already have it and those people who don't have one will have plenty of time to have one installed.

So what exactly is backflow? As defined by the Ohio EPA, backflow can be described as "a reversal of the normal direction of flow within a piping system" or as "the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the distribution pipes of a potable water supply from any source other than the intended source of the potable water supply." This means that if you don't have a backflow device installed and your water flow reverses direction, you could pollute or contaminate the village's water supply. For example, if someone with an irrigation system treats their lawn with pesticides, these pesticides could enter the village's water system through a reverse flow, making it unsafe to drink.

The village's Water Department will begin conducting surveys this summer on properties they suspect need a backflow prevention device. You can help the process by contacting the Water Department by October 1, 2008 for a survey if you think you might need a backflow prevention device. In addition, everyone with one of these devices is required to have it inspected at least once per year. Therefore, if you already have a device, please provide the Water Department with documentation that it has been inspected during the last 12 months.

If you need a survey done, have documentation for a backflow device or if you have questions, please contact Chris Hartung ([chartung@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:chartung@canalwinchesterohio.gov) or 614-837-5623) or Joe Taylor ([jtaylor@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:jtaylor@canalwinchesterohio.gov) or 614-837-5623).

## Community Garden a Success



Growing in popularity, every plot in the village's community garden was spoken for this year before the end of April. The garden, which is located in the grassy area behind Bolenbaugh Hardware referred to as Emma's Meadow, has 28 plots measuring 10 feet by 20 feet each.

All plots in the garden are free but residents were first required to fill out an application and sign a release. The village supplies the land and the ap-

plicant assumes responsibility for maintenance and care of the garden as well as supplying any needed water.

The community garden began in 2007 in response to residents who were unable to have a garden due to yard size or subdivision restrictions. The village eventually hopes to move the garden to a larger, more permanent location.



## Mayor and Council to Serve Dinner for Charity

Here's your chance to get up close and personal with your elected officials. On Thursday, May 15, the Mayor and Council members will showcase their customer service skills as they wait tables in the Pine Room at Shade on the Canal restaurant to earn tips for Relay for Life. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. No reservations are required. However, the village's team would appreciate knowing the number of people in your party in advance so they can plan accordingly. You can let the village's team know you will attend the dinner by calling 614-837-7493 or emailing [bsummer@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:bsummer@canalwinchesterohio.gov).

In addition to dinner, there will be a 50/50 raffle and tickets will be sold for items to be auctioned off at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event. Among these items are a 20008 Canal Winchester family pool membership, a piece of artwork by local artist, Robert Warren, and a one-of-a kind, handmade Ohio State afghan.

All proceeds and tips will benefit Relay for Life. Thanks to Shade on the Canal for the donation of their Pine Room, staff time and food proceeds for the fundraiser.

All proceeds from the dinner as well as all tips will benefit Relay for Life. Your donations are tax deductible and there will be receipts on hand for anyone who needs them.

### Relay for Life Fundraiser

Cost:  
\$10 for adults  
\$5 for children



Cash, check and credit card accepted. All proceeds and tips to benefit Relay for Life. Receipts available.

### Menu

Dinner Salad

Rolls with Butter

Angel Hair Pasta with  
Tomato and Meat Sauce  
or -

Penne Noodles with  
Alfredo Sauce

Choice of Dessert

Choice of Ice Tea, Water  
or a Fountain Drink

\* Bar drinks available for  
additional charge

## Remaining Village Observed Holidays for 2008

### All Village Offices Closed:

Monday, May 26, Memorial Day  
Friday, July 4, Independence Day  
Monday, September 1, Labor Day  
Tuesday, November 11, Veteran's Day  
Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving  
Friday, November 28, day after Thanksgiving  
Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day

## Community Center for Rent

The Frances Steube Community Center, located at 22 S. Trine Street, is available for rent. A large multi-purpose room that seats over 100 people may be rented for \$30 per hour. There is also a commercial kitchen available for an additional \$10 per hour. If you have a small group, the community center offers a lounge at the cost of \$15 per hour.

All rentals require a \$100 security deposit which will be refunded after the event at the discretion of community center staff. All renters must be at least 21 years of age. All renters are responsible for set up and tear down for their event and cleaning the space they use after their event. No alcoholic beverages or smoking are permitted inside the community center.

For more information or to rent the facility, call the community center office at 614-837-8276. More details, rental guidelines, and a rental contract can also be found online at <http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov/departments/ca/cc/rental.aspx>.



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## Guide to Village Employees

614-837-7493  
[www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov)

Village Administration  
36 S. High Street

Community Center  
22 S. Trine Street

Accounting Clerk .....614-834-5106  
Building Dept. Administrative Assistant .....614-837-7501  
Building Official .....614-834-5102  
Clerk of Court .....614-837-7691  
Community Affairs Director .....614-834-9727  
Development Director .....614-837-1894  
Finance Director .....614-837-6937  
Mayor .....614-837-1669  
Planning & Zoning Administrator .....614-837-6742  
Receptionist .....614-837-7493  
Utility Clerk .....614-837-7716  
Zoning Officer .....614-834-5101

Community Center ..... 614-837-8276

Construction Services  
400 Ashbrook Road

Construction Services Administrator .....614-834-5109

Department of Public Works  
400 Ashbrook Road

Director of Public Works .....614-834-5111  
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